

## **CHAPTER 86-03-02**

### **RESIDENT - FUNDS, CHARGES, FINANCES**

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**86-03-02-01. Membership contribution fund.** A membership contribution fee based on the resident's ability to pay and on the rate structure established by the administrative committee on veterans' affairs must be charged monthly. The rate structure varies in accordance with a resident's net income.

**History:** Effective May 1, 1987.

**General Authority:** NDCC 28-32-02

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 37-15-03, 37-15-14.1

#### **86-03-02-02. Hospital emergency fund.**

1. Residents shall make a deposit, as determined by the administrative committee on veterans' affairs into the hospital emergency fund. The deposit may be made either in a lump sum or in the amount of twenty percent per month of the resident's net income until fully paid. Applicants who have no income and cannot make the deposit may not be denied admission because of the requirement. Residents may earn money through the home's work therapy program and may make payments into the fund from such earnings.
2. Money from the hospital emergency fund deposit may be used, at the discretion of the commandant, to defray the cost of hospital care, drugs, ambulance fees, doctor fees, and other expenses which may arise in emergencies. Any part or all of the deposit may be expended on behalf of a resident if the resident is unable or unwilling to pay these costs. Residents are not allowed to make withdrawals from this account if they become "short of funds". If a resident is discharged, the balance of the resident's money in the account must be returned to the resident or the resident's guardian as outlined in subsection 3 of section 86-03-07-03. In the event of a resident's death, the balance of the resident's money in the account becomes part of the resident's estate for disposition in accordance with the laws of this state.
3. Any resident with a full hospital emergency fund deposit on account on January first of each year, and maintains the full deposit on account during the year, will earn five percent interest.

4. A resident who makes a full deposit at any other time during the year, or who withdraws from the fund, will not receive interest for that year.

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**Law Implemented:** NDCC 37-15-03, 37-18.1-03(2)

**86-03-02-03. Resident - Payment of charges.** Residents have an obligation to pay charges which they incur at the home. Residents who become delinquent in paying these charges may be subject to discharge. Residents or their guardians are responsible for payment of monthly charges. All payments must be made within thirty days following the month in which they were incurred. Residents shall pay their charges prior to going on leave. A resident who is hospitalized may wait until returning to the home before making payment.

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**General Authority:** NDCC 28-32-02

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 37-15-03, 37-18.1-03(2)

**86-03-02-04. Resident income.** Residents who receive monthly income or who have net worth may handle their own finances unless they are declared incompetent. However, residents may not retain large sums of money on their person or in their quarters. If a resident chooses not to deposit money with a financial institution, the money may be deposited with the home's office for safekeeping. The resident may have access to those funds at any time during normal business hours as posted by the office.

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**General Authority:** NDCC 28-32-02

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 37-15-03, 37-18.1-03(2)

**86-03-02-05. Annual review of resident finances.** Each resident's finances must be reviewed annually. Generally, the review must be after the veterans' administration income questionnaires have been returned to the veterans' administration, processed, and adjustments made. Residents shall declare all of their assets which include, but are not limited to, real estate, personal property, monthly income received, retirement checks, savings accounts, checking accounts, and certificates of deposit. A resident unable to furnish such information shall sign a release form to allow the home to obtain the necessary financial information it needs to complete the annual review. A resident who refuses to divulge such information is subject to discharge.

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**Law Implemented:** NDCC 37-15-03, 37-18.1-03(2)